

AB 716 (Canciamilla). Removal of Abandoned Vessels. AB 716 would make it easier for local agencies to remove abandoned vessels and wrecked property, specifically: (1) reducing the amount of time (from 90 to 45 days) required before the wrecked property can be sold at public auction, (2) allowing a peace officer to remove a vessel from a public waterways when the vessel is found or operated upon a waterway with a registration expiration date in excess of one year before the date on which it is found or operated on the waterway, (3) revising the existing prohibition of abandoning a vessel upon a public waterway or public or private property without the express or implied consent of the owner or person in lawful possession of the property, from an infraction to a misdemeanor, including a new penalty of ordering the defendant to pay the actual costs incurred by the agency for removal, and (4) increasing the maximum threshold (from \$300 to \$2,000) for removing wrecked or abandoned property from a navigable waterway. Sponsor: Recreational Boaters of California Status: Introduced on February 17, 2005. Department Position: **No approved position at this time.**